facility on phonocom basis will be provided in those LDPTs which are opened in post offices.

(b) *Post Offices*: No programme of opening of post offices was implemented in Bihar or other Circles during 1986-87 on account of the ban on creation of posts. There was therefore no target.

Telephone Exchanges: The target for last financial year was 20.

Telegraph offices: 100 Long Distance Public Telephones were targetted during the year 1986-87.

(c) *Post Offices*: The question does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

Telephone exchanges: Yes Sir.

Telegraph Offices: Yes Sir.

(d) *Post Offices*: The question does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

Telephone exchanges The information is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

Telegraph Offices: 107 Long Distance Public Telephones were opened as against a target of 100 LDPTs.

Statement

The names of 20 new telephone exchanges opened during 1986-87 are given below:

1. Ghogha
2. Kuru
3. Guraru
4. Nagarnausa
5. Sonahula
6. Chaliana
7. Barkageon
8. Bagodar
9. Madhuban
10. Biroul
11. Haidernagar
12. Chatapur
13. Kharik Bazar
14. Raghunathpur
15. Chakai
16. Mahagawa
17. Kathikhund
18. Kusemipur
19. Bishangarh
20. Chandi.

Import of substandard vaccine

452. SHRI GHAN SHYAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are releasing consignment of Inactivated Rabies Vaccine MMR Vaccine, Hepatitis Vaccine, Meningococcal Vaccine, Tetenus Immunoglobulin, Anti-D Immunoglobulin, Human Normal Immunoglobulin without test;

(b) if so, number of such consignments of each vaccine imported durring last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of consignments of each vaccine that were released for human use without test;

(d) whether it is a fact that exporting countries are supplying vaccines of poor and sub-standard quality as they are aware of our procedure;

(e) what action is being taken to release each and every batch after test;

(f) what was the number of samples drawn from market for test of these vaccines during last three years; and

(g) the number of samples that were found to be of sub-standard quality and what action was taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Inactivated rabies vaccine and Normal Human Immunoglobubin are being tested. Testing facilities for Meales Mumps and Rubelia (MMR) vaccine, Hepatitis vaccine and Meningococcal vaccine are not available at present and are being developed by the Central Research Institute, Kasauli The Import of Tetanus Immunoglobulin and Anti D Immunoglobulin are rare.

(b) and (c) A Statement is attached. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The vaccines and sera conforming to the prescribed strength and quality manufactured by reputed manufacturers are allowed to be imported.

At present the practice of random sampling is followed in normal circumstances. The vaccines are released without test on the basis of test protocol of the manufacturers and Certificates of Batch release from the National Health authorities of the exporting country furnished by the importer.

(f) and (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Numbers of consignments Imported and those released without test during the last 3 years

Name of the Vaccine	1984-85		1985-86		1986-87	
	No. of consignments imported	No. of consignments released without test	No. of consignments imported	No. of consignments released without test	No. of consignments imported	No. of consignments released without test
Inactivated Rabies Vaccine	7	6	9	9	16	14
MMR Vaccine	2	2	4	4	19	19
Hepatitis B-Vaccine	—	—	1	1	8	8
Meningecoccal Vaccine	1	1	5	5	16	16
Tetanus Immunoglobulin	—	—	—	1	1 (100 Vials)	1
Anti-D-Immunoglobulin	—	—	4 (1050 Vials)	4	—	—
Human Normal Immunoglobulin	1	Nil	1	1	1	Nil